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(21) International Application Number: PCT/US00/12842 (22) International Filing Date: 10 May 2000 (10.05.00) (30) Priority Data: 09/309,487 10 May 1999 (10.05.99) US (63) Related by Continuation (CON) or Continuation-in-Part (CIP) to Earlier Application US 09/309,487 (CIP) Filed on 10 May 1999 (10.05.99) (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA [US/US]; 12th floor, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607-5200 (US). (72) Inventors; and (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): SELSTED, Michael, E. [US/US]; 16 Young Court, Irvine, CA 92612 (US). TANG, Yi-Quan [CN/US]; 22 Schubert Court, Irvine, CA 92612 (US). YUAN, Jun [CN/US]; 34 Club Vista, Dove Canyon, CA 92679 (US). OUELLETTE, Andre, J. [US/US]; 32 Harvey Court, Irvine, CA 92612 (US).	(74) Agents: CADENA, Deborah, L. et al.; Campbell & Flores LLP, 7th floor, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 (US). (81) Designated States: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AT (Utility model), AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, CZ (Utility model), DE, DE (Utility model), DK, DK (Utility model), DM, DZ, EE, EE (Utility model), ES, FI, FI (Utility model), GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KR (Utility model), KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SK (Utility model), SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report.</i>	
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Applicant SELSTED, Michael, E. et al	

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/US 00/12842

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, PAJ, STRAND, CHEM ABS Data, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	TANG, YI-QUAN ET AL: "A cyclic antimicrobial peptide produced in primate leukocytes by the ligation of two truncated.alpha.-defensins" SCIENCE (WASHINGTON, D. C.) (1999), 286(5439), 498-502 , 1999, XP000919300 Figs. 2-3	2-32, 34-38, 40-49, 51-83
P,X	TAM, JAMES P. ET AL: "Marked increase in membranolytic selectivity of novel cyclic tachyplesins constrained with an antiparallel two-.beta. strand cystine knot framework" BIOCHEM. BIOPHYS. RES. COMMUN. (2000), 267(3), 783-790 , 2000, XP000917243 Figures	2-32, 34-38, 40-49, 51-83



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A	<p>WO 99 11663 A (BOUGUELERET LYDIE ;CHUMAKOV ILYA (FR); GENSET (FR)) 11 March 1999 (1999-03-11)</p> <p>CLAIMS, EXAMPLES ---</p>	<p>2-32, 34-38, 40-49, 51-83</p>
A	<p>WO 99 13080 A (ZYMOGENETICS INC) 18 March 1999 (1999-03-18)</p> <p>claims, examples ---</p>	<p>2-32, 34-38, 40-49, 51-83</p>
A	<p>WO 96 16075 A (UNIV CALIFORNIA ;SHRINER S HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLE (US)) 30 May 1996 (1996-05-30)</p> <p>claims -----</p>	<p>2-32, 34-38, 40-49, 51-83</p>

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found uns archable (Continuation f item 1 of first sheet)

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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1, 33, 39, 50
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Claims Nos.: 83

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box I.2

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Present claims 1, 33, 39, 50 (functional fragment thereof) and dependent subject-matter relate to an extremely large number of possible peptides/pharmaceutical compositions/nucleic acids/vectors. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the peptides/pharmaceutical compositions/nucleic acids/vectors claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the peptides/pharmaceutical compositions/nucleic acids/vectors being prepared in the examples and closely related homologous compounds etc./those compounds etc. mentioned in the description at pages 12, lines 14 to pages 17, lines 16.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FP-UC 4131	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

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